

About the Park

Deep in the heart of Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest, Holliday Lake State Park is a paradise for the outdoor enthusiast.

Fishing for largemouth bass, yellow perch, crappie and bluegill is a popular activity in the 150-acre lake within the park. The nearby state Department of Game and Inland Fisheries delayed-harvest trout stream allows anglers to fish for brown and rainbow trout.

The park also features excellent trails open to hikers, bikers and equestrians. Swimming is a popular summer activity at the park's life-guarded beach where the "Critter Hole" play area is a favorite of young visitors.

Park facilities include a 30-site campground, a large shaded picnic area, two picnic shelters, two playgrounds, a boat ramp, a seasonal full-service concession stand and campstore, and canoe, rowboat, kayak, and paddle boat rentals. Interpretive and environmental education programs are available for school and scout groups.

The famous Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, the site of General Robert E. Lee's surrender to General Ulysses S. Grant in 1865, is just minutes away.

Park Trails

The park has five hiking trails and one aquatic trail.

Lakeshore Trail is a 6.3-mile hiking trail that loops around the lake and the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, passing through a hardwood forest, wetlands and managed pine plantation. Saunders Creek Trail provides access from the campground to the picnic area and is .1-mile in length. Dogwood Ridge Trail is a .7-mile loop just above the park's picnic area. Northridge Trail is .4-miles and provides a ridge top walk from the picnic area to the northern end of Holliday Lake and hooks up with the Lakeshore Trail.

The Sunfish Aquatic Trail is a self-guided water adventure that requires a boat and free trail brochure. A brochure map and numbered stops provide information about the lake and environment as you paddle or peddle around its edges.

A trailhead for the Carter Taylor can also be found in the park. This trail is a 12-mile loop in the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest for hikers, bicycle riders and horseback riders.

The Area

The area encompassing Holliday Lake State Park and the surrounding state forest was cleared in the 1800s for farmland. In the 1930s the federal government, through the Resettlement Administration, began buying the farms to return the land to its former productive hardwood forest state.

Construction of a dam was begun at Fish Pond Creek, then relocated to Holliday Creek where a lake could be developed. Traces of family cemeteries can still be found in the area.

After Holliday Lake was completed in 1938, the Commonwealth of Virginia, through an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, took over management of the new day-use recreational area.

In 1972, with the addition of campgrounds, the area became a state park.

HOLLIDAY or HOLIDAY?

For years the spelling for the name of this park has caused some confusion. Is the park named for a family of Hollidays in the area? While we don't have a definite answer, the front page of the Friday, July 2, 1937, FARMVILLE HERALD gives us a clue. In an article entitled, "Winston Lake is forest Unit Complete in Federal Public Forest Project," a Holliday Creek Lake is referenced. The present Holliday Lake State Park was built as a federal forest project and became part of the state system in 1939. Somewhere along the line, the "Creek" was dropped from the name, but the extra "l" remained.

Frequent visitors save money

Annual passes for parking and swimming offer the frequent visitor greater savings. Stop by the park office for details.

Virginia State Parks Reservation Center

To receive more information on Virginia State Parks or to make a cabin or campsite reservation, call 1-800-933-PARK (or in the Richmond calling area 225-3867).

Join us in the parks – DCR's Volunteer Program

DCR offers diverse opportunities for volunteers in most state parks and natural areas throughout the state. Inquire at the park office for details.

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Virginia State Parks provide  
**A Natural Legacy**


of outdoor activities and  
programs. They are an important  
part of DCR's efforts to promote  
a strong conservation ethic.


These efforts ensure that the  
best of Virginia's natural  
resources will be protected and  
available for future generations.


Welcome to Holliday Lake State Park. Located in the 20,000 acre Appomattox Buckingham State Forest, the park is an oasis of outdoor recreation opportunity. Swimming, boating and fishing are popular on this man-made lake. The park offers miles of lakefront hiking trails and 30 electric and water campsites. The following regulations have been established to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for protection of this valuable resource:

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The public use or display of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
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Help preserve your park. Please don't cut or mar any plants or trees. Collecting animal or plant life is allowed only for scientific purposes by permit from the Richmond headquarters.
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Pets are permitted in all state parks, but they must be kept on a leash not to exceed six feet at all times or in an enclosed area.
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Swimming and wading are allowed only in the designated area during operating hours. Boats with electric trolling motors are welcome.
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Please help us keep the park clean by placing litter in the proper receptacles.

Color coding and mileage for the trails at Holliday Lake State Park		
MILES	TRAIL	COLOR
6.3	Lakeshore Nature Trail	Blue
.1	Saunders Creek Trail	Orange
.7	Dogwood Ridge Trail	Yellow
.4	Northridge Trail	White

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Ampitheater
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Boat Dock
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Boat Ramp
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Camp Host
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Campground
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Concessions
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Dumping Station
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Hiking Trail
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Information & Camp Store
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Parking
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Picnic Area
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Picnic Shelter
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Playground
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Ranger Station
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Restrooms
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RV Camp
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Shower
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Swimming

